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(6) M.R.Ry. C. K. Krishnaswami Pillai Avargal, Professor of Geology in the College.
(7) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur T. Varadarajalu Nayudu Garu, Retired District Judge.

The Committee is not constituted on a linguistic or territorial basis.

(*d*) The Committee is to assist the Principal of the College in the selection and admission of students into the College.

Advisability of holding parallel examinations under the old and new S.S.L.C. schemes.

* 354 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is a great difference in the curricula of the old S.S.L.C. scheme and the new S.S.L.C. scheme; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to consider the advisability of making arrangements for the holding of parallel examinations under both the schemes for a period of another two years at least to relieve the hardship of students reading in the V and VI forms at present and the failed S.S.L.C. students of previous years?

A.—(*a*) There is a difference between the old and the new S.S.L.C. scheme.

(*b*) Orders have already been issued directing that the public examination in accordance with the old scheme should be held in the years 1932 and 1933 for the benefit of pupils who studied in form VI in 1930-31, but did not appear for the public examination in March 1931 and of those who appeared for the examination in 1931 or in previous years, but were not declared eligible for admission to the University courses of study.

Death of the boarders of the Mission Hostel, Erode.

*355 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government know that there were several deaths of the boarders in the Mission Hostel at Erode a few months back;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this sudden death was due to a poison caused by a reptile being boiled with the rice;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the negative, the real cause for such sudden deaths;

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(*d*) who is in charge of the hostel and what is his explanation to the authorities concerned; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the head of the hostel would not permit the parents to remove their suffering children when they were in an unconscious state for medical aid?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Cholera.

(*d*) The Reverend W. Clewes was the manager and Mr. J. T. Rajanayagam the headmaster of the institution. There were also resident masters in charge of the different units of the hostel.

The headmaster's explanation was that the outbreak was due to a very virulent type of cholera infection in the food eaten by the boarders at night.

(*e*) It is not a fact that any student was denied medical aid. All patients were admitted into hospital and received immediate medical attention.

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" With reference to answer to clause (*d*) of the question where it is stated ' the outbreak was due to a very virulent type of cholera infection in the food eaten by the boarders at night,' may I know what action has been taken against those who were responsible for the death of some of the boarders? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As far as I am aware, nobody was particularly responsible for that, and an investigation was made and the necessary sanitary improvements have been effected. Beyond that, no notice seemed called for in the matter."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether cholera was prevalent in Erode prior to its outbreak in the boarding house? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know what the Government mean by saying in answer to clause (*c*) that it was due to cholera and then again in clause (*d*) that it was due to a ' virulent type of cholera infection in the food eaten by the boarders at night ' ? Evidently, cholera was confined only to that area? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I cannot say that without notice."

Mr. Champion's scheme of elementary education.

* 356 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many municipal councils, district boards and educational councils have approved Mr. Champion's scheme of centralizing and consolidating elementary education; and